

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A receipt management article of manufacture comprising:  
a computer storage medium configured to store receipt data from multiple disparate vendors;  
communications logic for establishing a communicative link between the system and receipt data processing logic disposed within individual ones of said multiple disparate vendors;  
a receipt management processor programmed to moderate access to said store receipt data in said storage medium to an individual one of said multiple disparate vendors, wherein said storage medium further comprises a configuration for indexing said store receipt data according to at least one of a vendor identifier and a transaction identifier;  
security and authentication logic programmed to secure access to said receipt data by said individual one of said multiple disparate vendors through at least one of encryption, password protection and certificate validation and authentication.

Claims 2-8 (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) A method for electronic receipt management comprising the steps of:  
establishing a communicative link between a data store of electronic receipts from multiple disparate vendors, and an individual one of said multiple disparate vendors;  
authenticating said individual one of said multiple disparate vendors;

locating a specific electronic receipt stored within said data store which corresponds to an identifier provided by said individual one of said multiple disparate vendors; and,

transmitting said located specific electronic receipt to said individual one of said multiple disparate vendors over said established communicative link, wherein said establishing step comprises the step of inserting a portable storage medium containing said data store into a reader coupled to said individual one of said multiple disparate vendors.

Claims 10-12 (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a computer-readable instructions for electronic receipt management, the computer -readable instructions for causing a computer system to perform the steps of:

establishing a communicative link between a data store of electronic receipts from multiple disparate vendors, and an individual one of said multiple disparate vendors;

authenticating said individual one of said multiple disparate vendors;

locating a specific electronic receipt stored within said data store which corresponds to an identifier provided by said individual one of said multiple disparate vendors; and,

transmitting said located specific electronic receipt to said individual one of said multiple disparate vendors over said established communicative link, wherein said establishing step comprises the step of inserting a portable storage medium containing said data store into a reader coupled to said individual one of said multiple disparate vendors.

Claims 14-16 (Cancelled)